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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SELF-HELP SSH) FY 75

REF: STATE 129405

1. AS OF TODAY PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS FOR 7 SSH PROJECTS TOTALLING \$13,815 REMAIN UNSIGNED BECAUSE PM PRESUMABLY WISHES TO SIGN FOR GOM AND HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO FIX THE DATE FOR SIGNING CEREMONY. I WILL ATTEMPT TO FIX DATE WITH HIM TOMORROW.

2. LAST WEEK WE RECEIVED A PROGRAM COORDINATED AT GOM WORKING LEVEL FOR \$12,000 US CONTRIBUTION TO HOME FOR THE AGED PROPOSED BY BISHOP OF LOCAL ANGLICAN CHURCH. WE CONSIDER THIS AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM BUT SPONSOR HAS NOT YET OBTAINED ADEQUATE COMMITMENTS IN ADDITION TO OUR CONTRIBUTION TO ASSURE COMPLETION OF PROJECT. THEREFORE, THIS PROPOSAL WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE SHIFTED TO POTENTIAL FY 76 FUNDING ASSUMING WE CAN WORK OUT MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT.

3. ALMOST ONE YEAR AGO WE RECEIVED A PROPOSAL FROM MAHEBOURG HOSPITAL FOR US CONTRIBUTION OF SURGICAL UNIT EQUIPMENT ESTIMATED TOTAL COST \$17,000 WHICH IN MY JUDGMENT WOULD BE ONE OF THE FINEST PROJECTS WE HAVE HAD HERE IF IT CAN BE ARRANGED. SUBSEQUENTLY HEALTH MINISTRY AND ADMINISTRATORS OF SEVERAL LOCAL
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GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS HAVE ASKED FOR DONATIONS OF INCUBATORS AND

DEFIBILLATORS FOR WHICH I HAVE SOUGHT DONATION FROM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WASHINGTON, D.C. DURING MY CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON LAST MONTH I OBTAINED SUPPORT OF JOHN SHARON, PRESIDENT OF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, TO ASSIST IN PROCUREMENT/DONATION OF ALL FOREGOING MEDICAL EQUIPMENT. HE INDICATED HE WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE DONATION BY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT AND I INFORMED HIM I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO PROVIDE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FROM REMAINING FY-75 S-H FUND TO PURCHASE REMAINDER OF EQUIPMENT WHICH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL COULD NOT DONATE. MEANWHILE, I HAVE INFORMED PRIME MINISTER ABOUT OUR EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL AND THAT SHARON HOPES TO BE ABLE TO ASSEMBLE ENTIRE PACKAGE AND DELIVER IT HERE IN TIME TO MAKE PRESENTATION TO GOM DURING HIS PLANNED VISIT TO PORT LOUID THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY. PRIME MINISTER MOST APPRECIATIVE AND HOPES WE CAN CARRY THROUGH AS PLANNED.

4. ALTHOUGH SUCH DONATION OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT MAY NOT SATISFY ALL NORMAL CRITERIA FOR S-H PROJECTS BECAUSE LOCAL RECIPIENT CONTRIBUTION IS OBVIOUSLY ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO QUANTIFY, I AM CONVINCED SUCH PROJECTS WILL SERVE US INTERESTS, LOCAL PUBLIC RELATIONS AND SPIRIT OF SELF-HELP PROGRAM IN VERY FINE AND LASTING WAY. MAURITIAN PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES ARE DESPERATELY IN NEED OF THIS KIND OF HELP.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE AFR/ESA CONTACTING JOHN SHARON (OFFICE PHONE 33-4000) ASAP TO DETERMINE EXTENT OF DONATION BY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND TOTAL COST OF ADDITIONAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PER LIST PROVIDED HIM BY BRESLER, AF/E DURING MY CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON. I PROPOSE TO PROVIDE UP TO \$15,000 AS ADDITIONAL IAA IN THIS FISCAL YEAR. OUR TOTAL WOULD THUS BE \$28,815 AND REMAINING \$6,185 OF OUR PROJECTED FY 75 ALLOTMENT OF \$35,000 CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER POSTS.

6. INFO REQUEST PARA 2 REFTEL WILL BE FORWARDED ASAP.
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